


Medicaid 1915 Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Options

Alaska uses the 1915(c) Medicaid waiver, which allows states to provide home and community-based services to individuals with disabilities. However, there are other options for Alaska, including the 1915(k) state plan and the 1915(i) state plan. The Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education encourages the state to investigate switching our current waiver system to the 1915k and 1915i state plan options.

1915 (c) Waivers	1915 (k) Community First Choice State Plan	1915 (i) State Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaska's current way to provide HCBS to people with disabilities Alaska has 4 waivers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Adults Living Independently (ALI) Adults with Physical and Developmental Disabilities (APD) Children with Complex Medical Conditions (CCMC) Recipients must meet institutional level of care Alaska receives 50% federal match In addition to waivers, Alaska also has a state plan providing PCA services for some people who do not meet institutional level of care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is not a waiver, but could replace Alaska's 1915(c) waiver to provide HCB services Recipients must meet institutional level of care, similar to 1915(c) This state plan comes with an additional 6% federal funds match (total 56% total federal match) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would be additional \$13 million Would also save the state \$15 million in general funds Eliminates waitlists (states cannot set cap on number of people enrolled) States can limit amount, duration, and scope of services offered Many Alaskans receiving PCA services currently would not qualify under this plan – AK has two options to cover them: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep PCA services in our state plan Add a 1915(i) to our state plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also a state plan, not a waiver Allows states to decide who is covered (define eligibility groups and criterion) Expands coverage to a larger range of income levels (up to 150% federal poverty level) People do not need to meet institutional level of care. Could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> our current PCA recipients expand to cover Alzheimer's and related dementia – people who need a lot of help but do not qualify for waiver services because they do not quite meet institutional level of care FASD, mental illness, traumatic brain injuries, etc. <div>  <p>GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES & SPECIAL EDUCATION</p> </div>

Other States

Nearly all states and Washington D.C. offer services through 1915 (c) HCBS waivers, although their use varies considerably. Hawaii offers a single 1915(c) waiver, Alaska has 4 waivers, while Florida has 15 different 1915(c) waiver types.ⁱ For example, states commonly have waivers specific to children, autism, and intellectual & developmental disabilities (I/DDs). The 1915(i) state plan is utilized in several states: *Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, Wisconsin, and Washington D.C.*

New states with plans to participate in 1915(i) in 2014 included: *Arkansas, Delaware, and Maryland.*ⁱⁱ

The new 1915(k) Community First Choice state plan is in use in *California, Maryland, and Oregon* and is being developed in *Arkansas, Minnesota, Montana, Texas, and Wisconsin.*

ⁱ Kaiser Family Foundation. 2010. Home and Community Based Services Data Tables. <http://kff.org/state-category/medicaid-chip/home-and-community-based-services/> Retrieved on July 28, 2014.

ⁱⁱ Kaiser Family Foundation. Section 1915(i) Home and Community-Based Services State Plan Option Results Table. <http://kff.org/medicaid/state-indicator/section-1915i-home-and-community-based-services-state-plan-option/> Retrieved on July 29, 2014.